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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning - We found several articles that you may be interested in. Have a fun (and safe) St. Patrick's Day weekend!

Sen. Bernie Sanders takes aim at defense industry excesses
March 15, 2018 | Joe Gould

Congress' top populist has fired a shot across the bow of defense industry fat cats.

Vermont Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders has asked Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to address "the excessive compensation of defense contractors, the widespread misconduct and fraud in the defense contracting industry and massive cost overruns in the acquisition budget."

Sanders — who ran for president in 2016, attacking the vast earnings at the top of corporate America — penned the March 14 letter to Mattis as the Pentagon expects a windfall from Congress' two-year deal to raise budget caps for defense by $165 billion and for nondefense by $131 billion.

At a Senate Budget Committee hearing a week earlier on the department's 2019 budget request, Sanders — the panel's ranking member — railed at Defense Department Comptroller David Norquist over the Pentagon's failure to undergo an audit, as well as defense contractor compensation, fraud and overruns.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Why acquisition reform is about more than OTAs
March 15, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

Agencies Need to Quit Being Difficult Customers if They Want Startup Tech
March 15, 2018 | Jack Corrigan

Meet the contracting folks who are encouraging new IT vendors
March 15, 2018 | Steve Kelman

Blockchain for Contracts: Harnessing New Technology for Digital Contracting
March 2018 | Accenture (case study)

How is China developing AI technology so much faster than the US?
March 15, 2018 | Daniel Cebul

Congress takes critical look at Coast Guard, Marad budgets
March 15, 2018 | Pamela Glass

Agencies Could Be Graded On More Than FITARA Under New Scorecard
March 15, 2018 | Aaron Boyd

How to Accelerate IT Modernization and Technology Innovation in Defense
March 15, 2018 | Heather Walker

Results are in: Here's how much NATO allies spent on defense in 2017
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